

## OF SANTA BARBARA RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING

SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH UPON ITS 100-YEAR ANNIVERSARY

**CALIFORNIA** 

WHEREAS, on September 12, 2010, Second Baptist Church will celebrate 100 years of service to the Santa Barbara and greater Central Coast community; and

WHEREAS, in 1910 J.A. Trimble, Missionary and four or five African American families began religious services, where Rev H. B. Thomas was asked to be the Pastor and served for nearly forty years; and

WHEREAS, the church was initially named Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church and was renamed Second Baptist Church on April 28, 1924; and

WHREAS, Second Baptist Church initiated many innovative programs and activities under the 35 year leadership of Pastor Wilkes including a program involving the Tuskegee Airman; a food distribution program that served hundreds of needy families for two years and the purchase of a building to establish the Lucy Learning Center for after school tutoring to reinforce studies in computers, math, science and language arts; and

WHEREAS, since joining the Second Baptist church four years ago, Pastor Wallace Shepherd has implemented a philosophy of giving back to the community that includes reinstating the food distribution program for needy families, plans for members of the church to reduce their energy consumption in their daily lives, plans for the church to construct a low-income six-unit residence on church property that incorporates green designs and technology and increasing involvement with social justice issues; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Shepherd and members of the church helped lead the effort to provide a permanent location and enhance community participation in our local celebration of the life and legacy of Dr. Martin L. King Jr.;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors honors and commends the Second Baptist Church upon its 100th anniversary of serving the residents of Santa Barbara County.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 7th day of September, 2010 by unanimous vote of all members present.

Supervisor - 1st District visor - 2nd District 3rd District 4th District Clerk of the Board Supervisor - 5th District